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EXPORT OF MANGOES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries including Japan have imposed ban on import of mangoes from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, country-wise;

(c) the names of the countries that have lifted restriction on import of mangoes during the current year;

(d) the target fixed for export of mangoes to those countries during the current year; and

(e) steps taken by the Govt. for the smooth export of mangoes from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b)Import of mangoes from India is not permitted by United States of America, Australia and New Zealand on account of incidence of fruit flies, mango stone, thrips, pulp weevil and other pests in Indian mango.

(c) Japan lifted the ban on import of Indian mangoes on 23rd June, 2006.

(d) Country-wise targets for export of mangoes are not fixed.

(e) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is extending financial assistance under its schemes for Market Development, Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Research & Development to exporters to facilitate export of agricultural produce including mango. Other steps in this direction include setting up of Agri Export Zones, provision of facilities for handling perishable cargo at major international airports, organization of mango promotion campaigns and buyer-seller meets.